



# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

AACC’s **Institute for Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Public Service**, is pleased to house the first Annual Juvenile Justice Conference of Maryland. This conference serves as a forum for dialogue, exchange of information, and articulation of the operational changes and services necessary in the pursuit of the new culture and direction of the Department of Juvenile Services. The conference will emphasize the Department of Juvenile Services’ (DJS) progression from an historic over-reliance on residential services to an emphasis on community-based services. This movement involves a system of reform care, not only for DJS, but also for all the child-serving agencies in Maryland. In existence already is the Maryland Wraparound Committee, formed as a result of the House Bill 1386 plan. This interagency committee is dedicated to working towards an interagency system of care reform to better serve all youth in Maryland, and the establishment of a high-quality wraparound approach for youth at intensive need levels that are commonly placed in residential treatment centers and/or secure confinement, with little or no plan for community reintegration.

Vendors servicing youth throughout Maryland will be educated on the DJS reform efforts to develop a “child-first” culture through collaboration amongst interagency groups. Vendors will be educated on the significance of developing and/or enhancing community-based programming in lieu of facility-based programming within a residential setting. The model program developed should be regionalized and contain juvenile detention alternatives’ strategies geared towards serving youth in the community. Through planned workshops, vendors will be encouraged to collectively develop a framework for allowing youth to receive appropriate care in a non-secure environment and in close proximity to their families. This group effort is the key to ensuring that the needs of all Maryland youth are addressed appropriately through the use of a Wraparound approach and in accordance to the vision and mission of the DJS.

The Institute for Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Public Service is a proud partner in the continuous improvement of care and services delivered to Maryland’s children by creating opportunities for research, professional training and technical advising to the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. Along with the DJS, it is the Institute’s aim that the Juvenile Justice Conference of Maryland, and future conferences, provide the best designs in public policy and therapeutic practices to the vast professionals in the juvenile and criminal justice fields for the highest quality of services delivered to Maryland’s children and communities.



**Inclement Weather Policy**  
Should Anne Arundel Community College close due to inclement weather, the conference will be rescheduled for Jan. 18. If the college opens late, the conference will begin at the time the college opens.

# AGENDA

- 8:30-9 a.m.  
**REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**
- 9-10 a.m.  
**OPENING**  
**Welcome** — Martha A. Smith, Ph.D., president, Anne Arundel Community College and Kathleen Happ, dean, School of Business, Computing and Technical Studies, AACC  
**Introduction** — Tyrone Powers, Ph.D., director, Institute for Criminal Justice, Legal Studies and Public Service  
**Remarks** — Kenneth C. Montague Jr., secretary, Department of Juvenile Services
- 10-10:40 a.m.  
David Altschuler, Ph.D., principal research scientist, Johns Hopkins Institute for Policies Studies
- 10:40-11 a.m.  
**BREAK**
- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
**FIRST PLENARY SESSION — PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Presenters:**  
Eric Bruns, Ph.D., assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine  
  
Denise Sulzbach, director of Inter-agency Policy, Development and Implementation, Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families  
  
Janice Marquez, assistant secretary, Office of Equal Justice and Policies, Department of Juvenile Services  
  
Tyrone Powers, *Ph.D.*
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
**LUNCH** (provided)
- 1:30-2 p.m.  
**SECOND PLENARY SESSION — KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
DeLacy Davis
- 2-3:45 p.m.  
**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS**
- 3:45-4 p.m.  
**BREAK**
- 4-4:45 p.m.  
**THIRD PLENARY SESSION —**  
**FEEDBACK FROM STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS**
- 5 p.m.  
**CLOSING REMARKS**  
Janice Parks, executive director, Family League of Baltimore; president, Statewide Local Managing Board

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DeLacy Davis, sergeant, East Orange New Jersey Police Department, executive director, Police Athletic League

Sgt. Davis coordinates and provides counseling, support and alternative solutions to children and families at risk in East Orange New Jersey. On an annual basis, he services over 2,000 children — referred by the courts, schools and directly by their parents or themselves. He partners with a wide range of service providers and court agencies to include the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, municipal courts; superior courts family division; states attorney's office and a comprehensive therapeutic program hosted by the Department of Social Services entitled, "Family Connections." One of his most recent and creative innovations is a program called, "Cops and Docs." It is a partnership with surgeons at the East Orange General Hospital to provide children, parents, schools and the general community with a clear view of the impact of violent behavior. To date, Sgt. DeLacy Davis has been successful in securing nearly \$2 million in local, state and federal funds in order to increase the opportunities in education and quality of life for children and families.

Davis' influence is global, assisting in the planning of several youth programs. Recently, he traveled to Rome, Italy to meet Pope John Paul II, with a delegation of parents whose children were executed in the United States or currently serving life sentences without parole. In 2001, DeLacy traveled to Ghana, West Africa as a guest of President John A. Kufour; and to Havana, Cuba on a humanitarian mission with "Pastors of Peace."

He is a regular consultant to various media, legal and government offices, including the Institute for Public Accuracy; MSNBC "Policing the Black Community;" and “Court TV” on Amadou Diallo. One of his most compelling involvements was serving in 2002 as a legal and program consultant to the Lionel Tate defense team in Florida.

Sgt. DeLacy Davis holds a Master of Arts degree in administrative sciences from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

